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1. Views on recognizing Ho regime--According to US Embassy New Delhi, Indian Secretary for External Affairs Bajpai has received a message from Prime Minister Nehru (now in Djakarta) in which Nehru agreed with Bajpai that it would be unwise for the United States of Indonesia to recognize the pro-Communist Ho Chi Minh regime in Indochina at this time. Nehru added that the Indonesian Government has no intention of recognizing Ho or of taking the initiative in convening an Asian conference on the Indochinese question. Bajpai informed the Embassy that: (a) the Indonesian Government was "closely in step" with the Government of India in its attitude toward Indochina; and (b) the Government of India would recognize as the government of Indochina that group which achieved effective control of the country.

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